

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 657

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the Reverend John E. Pugh.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of the Reverend John E. Pugh; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Pugh was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, John Pugh was born in November 1922 to Huley and Grace Pugh; and

WHEREAS, he served with valor and distinction as a member of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Pugh served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for McKenzie High School, during which time he founded the first McKenzie High School Chorus; and

WHEREAS, from his call until his retirement, he served selflessly, faithfully, and devotedly as a minister with the United Methodist Church for the Memphis Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, John Pugh was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by two children, Susan Beatty and Ken Pugh, and his parents; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Pugh is survived by his wife, Lois R. Pugh; two daughters, Grace Hubbard and her husband, Joel, and Sandy Hunt; one son, David Pugh; a brother, Curtis Pugh; and seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John Pugh leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of the Reverend John E. Pugh, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Rev. Pugh.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.